





NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

- NASA's first Space Flight Center (established 1959)
- We TRANSFORM Human Understanding of Earth and Space
- Largest Collection of Scientists & Engineers in the U.S.



- Nearly 300 successful missions including the World's First Weather Satellite and the Hubble Space Telescope
- 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics [Big Bang/Cosmic Background]

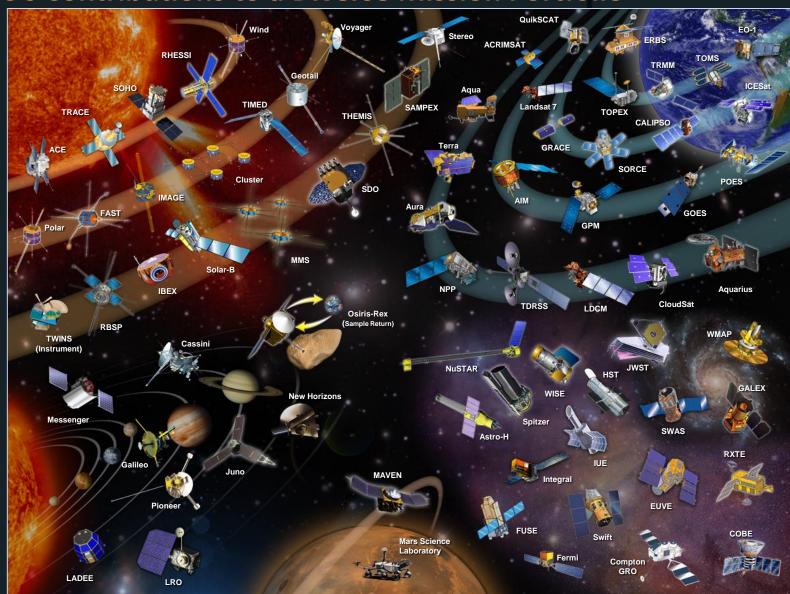


- Hubble Supported 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics
- WMAP Team Awarded 2012 Gruber Prize for Cosmology





GSFC's Contributions to a Diverse Mission Portfolio















Our Facilities

- GSFC Greenbelt, Maryland
- GSFC Wallops Flight Facility, Virginia
- IV&V Facility, West Virginia
- Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York
- Ground Stations at White Sands Complex, New Mexico

White Sands Complex

Wallops Flight Facility





Greenbelt



Goddard Institute for Space Studies



Independent Verification and Validation Facility





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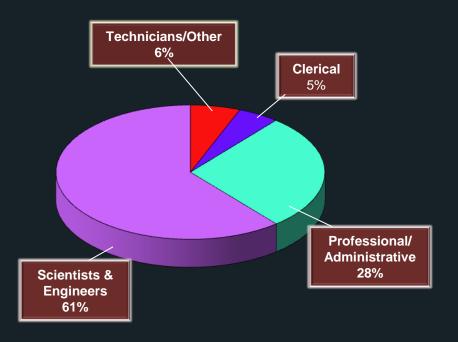
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Our People









GSFC Workforce

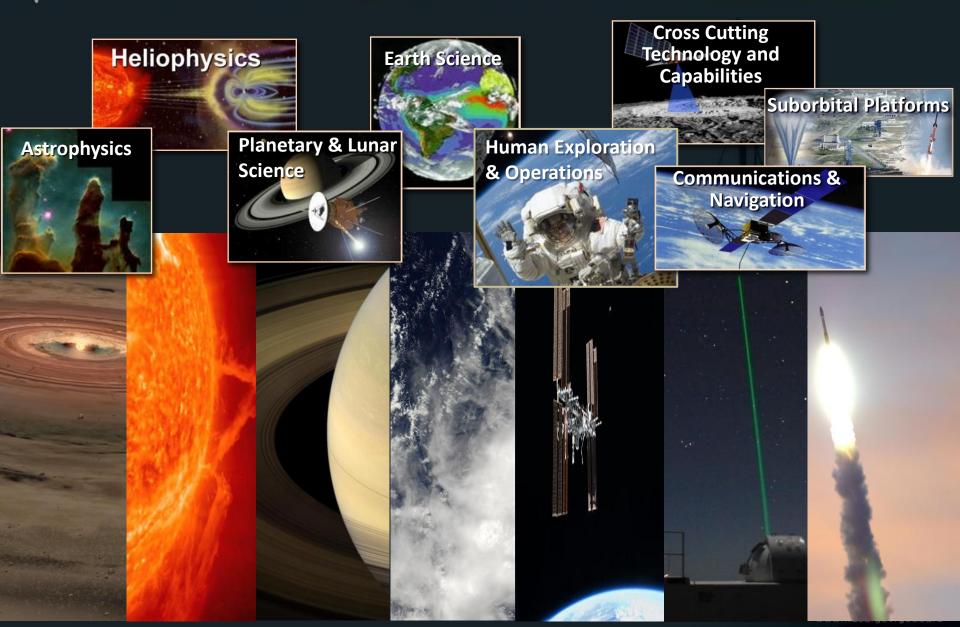
Total Civil Servants: 3,400 Total Contractors: 6,400

Total Workforce: 9,800



Our Lines of Business









Recent Accomplishments



Sample Analysis at Mars Instrument on MSL



Van Allen Probes



Suomi NPP – Revisiting the Blue Marble



Operation Icebridge



Robotic Refueling Mission on STS-135







Upcoming Milestones



Antares test launch from Wallops
Early 2013



TDRS K Launch January 2013



LDCM Launch February 2013



Numerous Suborbital Missions







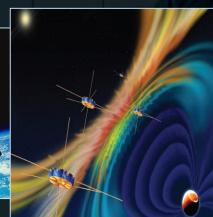
LADEE Launch August 2013



MAVEN Launch November 2013



GPM Launch February 2014

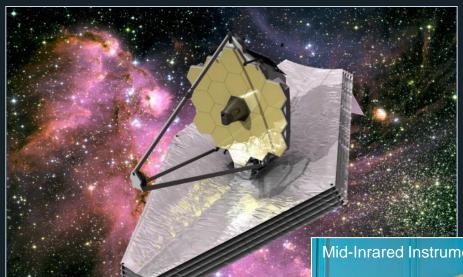


MMS Launch October 2014





James Webb Space Telescope

















Antares at Wallops

















NOAA Reimbursable Projects









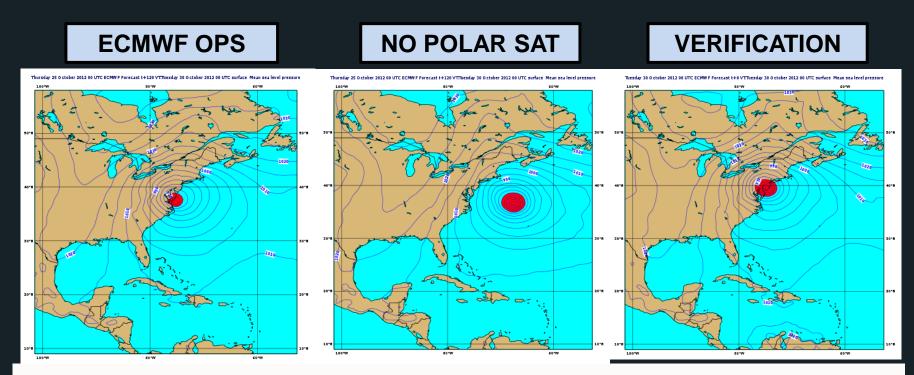






Forecasts of Hurricane Sandy without polar satellites

European Center for Mid-Range Weather Forecasting (ECMWF) forecasts of Mean Sea Level Pressure, **5 days in advance** of the 30th October 2012 for the landfall of Hurricane Sandy. Forecasts from an assimilation system **with no polar satellites** fail to predict the landfall of the storm on the US east coast.



5 day forecast: Base time 2012-10-25-00z Valid Time: 2012-10-30-00z





Answering Some the BIG Questions

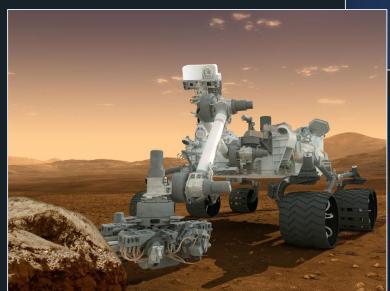
The Climate Imperative

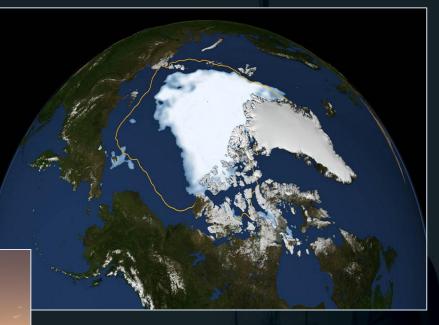












The Search for Life







Why We Study the Earth – the Global View

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which includes more than 1,300 scientists from the United States and other countries, forecasts a <u>temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century</u>.



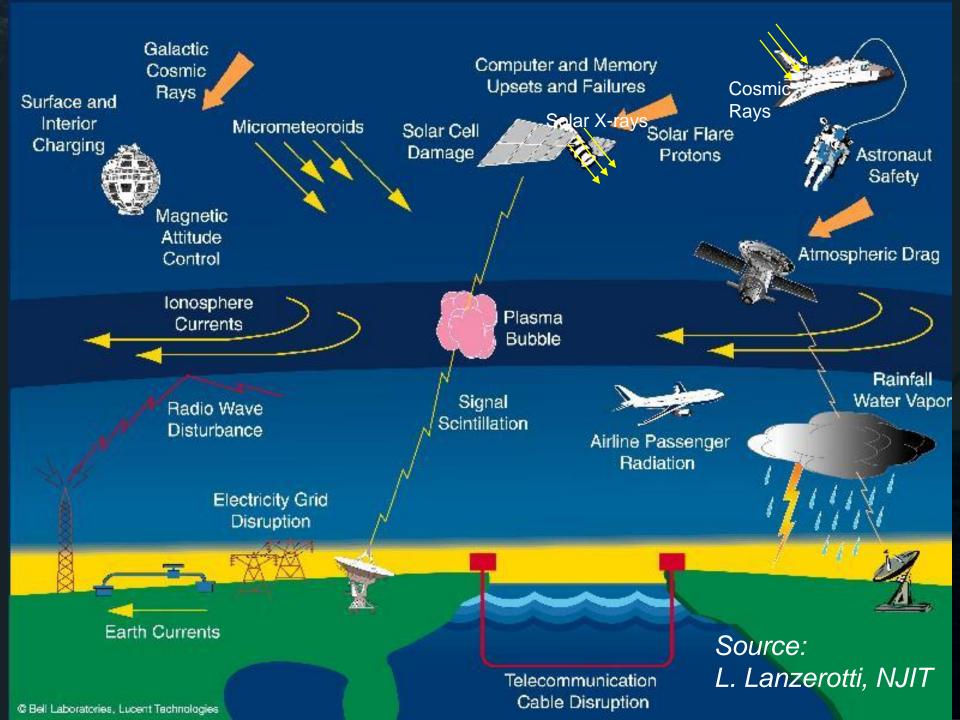


Global climate change already has observable effects on the environment. Glaciers have shrunk, ice on rivers and lakes is breaking up earlier, plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowering sooner.





<u>Climate change effects that scientists had previously predicted are now occurring</u>: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise, larger and more intense storms, longer and more intense heat waves.







North America: Decreasing snowpack in the western mountains; 5-20 percent increase in yields of rain-fed agriculture in some (northern) regions; increased frequency, intensity and duration of heat waves in cities that currently experience them

Europe: Increased risk of inland flash floods; more frequent coastal flooding and increased erosion from storms and sea level rise; glacial retreat in mountainous areas; reduced snow cover and winter tourism; extensive species losses; reductions of crop productivity in southern Europe.

Asia: Freshwater availability will decrease; coastal areas will be at risk due to increased flooding; death rate from disease associated with floods and droughts expected to rise in some regions.

Latin America: Gradual replacement of tropical forest by savannah in eastern
Amazonia; risk of significant biodiversity loss through species extinction in many tropical areas; significant changes in water availability for human consumption, agriculture and energy generation

Africa: By 2020, many millions of people will be exposed to <u>increased water stress</u>; reduced agricultural productivity, access to food may be severely compromised.





Why We Study the Earth – the NASA View

Over 2/3rdsof all NASA's constructed real property value is within 16 feet of sea level (≈\$20B)!





Impact from Nor'easter



What are the conditions for habitability, and could there be life on other worlds:

Engaging all themes:

Heliophysics:

Determine the impact of the Sun and its dynamics on Earth's habitability [SDO, SP+]

Solar System:

Assess current environmental conditions and investigate history of habitability in promising settings
[MSL Curiosity]

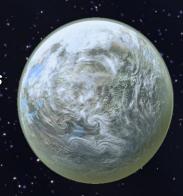


Earth Sciences:

Discover the signatures and impact of life on Earth [OCO, DESDynl, ASCENDS]



Characterize terrestrial exoplanets, exoplanetary systems, and search for biosignatures in exoplanet atmospheres [JWST]





The processes and conditions that enable life to arise and persist

